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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Making an informed choice about who will care for your children while you are at work is one of the most difficult and important decisions a family can make. For this reason, we created YoungStar, Wisconsin's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care. Now, in addition to talking to other parents and consulting with your local child care resource and referral agency, you can "look for the stars" when selecting a child care provider.

Our records show your provider ENTER PROVIDER NAME HERE has not yet applied to participate in YoungStar.

After July 1, 2012, all providers who receive Wisconsin Shares must participate in YoungStar. If your provider is not participating in YoungStar, your family's eligibility to continue to receive Wisconsin Shares assistance with the provider listed above will be in jeopardy. We encourage you to have a conversation with your provider about their plans to participate in YoungStar. If your provider has not submitted an application to apply to YoungStar by June 1, 2012, you will receive a letter from the Department of Children and Families warning you that authorizations to that provider will be ended shortly after July 1, 2012.

For more information about YoungStar, we encourage you to visit the YoungStar webpage, www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar. Your Local YoungStar Office is also available to answer any other questions you have about YoungStar. To find your Local YoungStar Office, see the map at the following website: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/map/default.htm>, or by calling this toll-free phone number: **1-888-713-KIDS (5437)**

Sincerely,

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